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In re the application of:

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RETRACTABLE GUARD**

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**AMENDMENT C**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The instant Amendment is filed in response to the non-final Office Action of August 4, 2009. Since the Amendment is filed within three months of the date of the Office Action, no extension fee is believed to be due and owing.

The Amendment is divided into four sections, namely (1) Specification Amendments, (2) Claim Amendments, (3) Drawing Amendments and (4) Remarks. Each section begins on a separate sheet in compliance with current Patent Office practice and procedure.